

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is being amended to correct typographical and clerical errors. No new subject matter is being added.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, at line 19, and ending on page 10, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 6 is an exploded view of the components of the locking device 20 in relation to the electrical meter socket 30. The clip 22 is positioned over the wall 40 and flange 42 of the box 38. The base 24 is slid in between the "U" shaped portion 62 of the clip 22 and with the wall 40 of the box 38. With the clip 22 and the base 24 in position, the cover 32 is positioned on the socket 38 of the electrical meter socket 30. The clip 22 and base 24 can be retained on the box 30 when a person is working on the electrical box 30, prior to placing the cover 32 on the box 38. When it is desired to lock the box, with the cover 32 in position, the body 26 is positioned such that the cover retaining portion or top portion overlies the cover 32 and the cavity receives the retaining flange portion 72 of the clip 22 and the retaining flange portion 78 of the base 24. The body 26 is secured by generally positioning it from the side. With the body 26 aligned with the clip 22 and the base 24, the holes or openings in the clip 22 and the ~~body 26~~ base 24 align with the bore 92 in the body 26, and the barrel lock 28 extends through the bore 92 and is keyed such that the locking balls or members sit outward and prevent the barrel lock 28 from being extracted.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 7, and ending on line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to install the locking device 20, the barrel lock 28 is removed and the lock components of the clip 22, the base 24, and the body ~~28~~ 26 are separated. The clip 22 is positioned and held over the flange of the meter socket. While holding the clip 22, the base 24 of the locking device 20 is slid into position. The cover 32 is replaced on the box 38. The body ~~28~~ 26 of the locking device 20 is installed over the clip 22 and the base 24. The barrel lock is installed into the lock body ~~28~~ 26 to complete installation.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 21, and ending on line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The claims should not be read as limited to the described order or elements unless stated to that effect. Therefore, all embodiments that come within the scope and spirit of the following claims and equivalents thereto are claimed as the invention.